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ABSTRACT

This health curriculum guide, intended for use with grades seven through nine, places considerable emphasis on the understanding that current knowledge of disease prevention has an impact on the incidence of prevalence of communicable diseases. The contents of the guide are presented in outline form and cover historical development of man's knowledge of disease, ecological relationships, communicable disease, resurgence of venereal disease, and degenerative disease. For each content area and its sub-divisions fundamental concepts and understandings, teaching aids, and learning activities are suggested. The guide also supplies supplementary information which a teacher could incorporate into the lessons at a simplified level. Outcomes of this unit in physical health are given in terms of the student's (1) awareness of the effects of communicable diseases on human life; (2) appreciation of the progress of man's efforts to control communicable disease; (3) familiarity with conditions under which communicable diseases may be transmitted; (4) knowledge of various methods of protection from communicable diseases; (5) application of desirable personal health practices; (6) understanding of ecological factors related to disease prevalence; and (7) familiarity with the epidemiological method in the prevention and control of disease. Multimedia resources--including books, pamphlets, and films--are included. (SES)

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FOREWORD

This publication contains curriculum suggestions for teaching Strand I - Physical Health, Disease Prevention and Control, for grades 7, 8, and 9.

The publication format of four columns is intended to provide teachers with a basic content outline in the first column; a listing of the major understandings and fundamental concepts which children may achieve in the second column; and information specifically designed for classroom teaching which should provide them with resource materials, teaching aids, and supplementary information, in the third and fourth columns. The comprehensive nature of the health program makes it imperative that teachers gain familiarity with all of the strands presently in print. In this way, important teaching-learning experiences may be developed by cross referring from one strand to another.

It is recommended that the health coordinator in each school system review these materials carefully and consult with teachers, administrators, and leaders of interested parent groups in order to determine the most appropriate manner in which to utilize this strand as an integral part of a locally adapted, broad and comprehensive program in health education.

The curriculum materials presented here are in tentative form and are subject to modification in content and sequence. Critiques of the format, content, and sequence are welcomed.

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DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Grades 7, 8, 9

Overview

These curriculum materials on disease prevention and control for grades 7-9 should reinforce the concepts and positive behaviors developed in the elementary grades.

Information concerning the historical events and the personalities that have provided direction to current attempts to understand and control diseases is included.

Considerable emphasis should be placed on the understanding that current knowledge of disease prevention has an impact upon the incidence and prevalence of communicable diseases. It is also important that students be made aware of the extent to which changing communicable disease rates are related to the emergence of newer health problems such as chronic and degenerative diseases.

Pupil Objectives

Pupils in grades 7-9 should:

- . be aware of the direct and indirect effects of communicable diseases on human life
- . understand and appreciate the progress made in man's efforts to control communicable disease
- . be familiar with the conditions under which communicable diseases may be transmitted
- . have a knowledge of various methods used to protect us from communicable diseases
- . work toward the prevention of communicable disease through the application of desirable personal health practices
- . understand and appreciate the ecological factors related to disease prevalence
- . become familiar with the epidemiological method in the prevention and control of disease

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I. Historical Development of Man's Knowledge of Disease	<p>Technological advances have influenced how man deals with the emerging health problems.</p> <p>Discoveries of the nature of diseases and how to control or prevent them have provided man with a greater opportunity to lead a more efficient and effective life.</p>	<p>Have students investigate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. medical and other discoveries related to disease. 2. the incidence and nature of diseases in the nation. <p>Develop a table to show the incidences of various diseases in the past 100 years and relate changes to technical advances.</p>	<p>Com ch cau ofl or th whi ob one sc d The usu nt dis ve by ea inf mo mea ve han but</p>
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B. Understanding the nature of disease	The potential for disease increases when man is unable to adapt to environmental conditions or is unable to change them.	<p>Have students make a list of "communicable" diseases which are <u>not</u> necessarily "contagious."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this kind of knowledge affect disease control measures? (Discuss the ecology of disease.) 2. How do the health sciences use the ecological principles in 	<p>Ori e tha cr spo le on nt was ab gen by gav dev to who</p>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Communicable diseases are caused by a specific organism or its toxic products, and which can be transmitted from one person to another.

The term "contagious" is usually used to describe those diseases which are communicable by direct contact with the infected person; for example, measles. Malaria, on the other hand, would be communicable but not contagious.

The word microbe comes from the Greek micros, meaning small, and bios, meaning life; they are living forms of microscopic or submicroscopic size.

The first important attempt to classify bacteria was made in 1836 by Ehrenberg, and his classifications are used today.

Originally it was believed that bacteria generated spontaneously from the material on which they were found. This was the theory of spontaneous generation. It was disproved by Pasteur and others. This gave new impetus to the development of other approaches to the control of disease with whole new sciences evolving;

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There are measures available which help man to control or prevent disease.

Some diseases are caused by microorganisms such as:

- . bacteria
- . viruses
- . rickettsia
- . fungi
- . protozoa

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disease prevention? Disease control?

Students should investigate the important discoveries which have contributed to improving our health status.

Have students identify causes of both communicable and non-communicable diseases.

References and Aids:

Microbe Hunters, Paul DeKruif, Harcourt Brace and World, 1956.

The Wonderful World of Medicine, Hitchie Calder, Garden City Books, 1958.

The Story Behind Great Medical Discoveries, Elizabeth R. Montgomery, Dodd, Mead & Company, 1945.

Health Heroes, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. (Series of Booklets.)

Filmstrip: "Jenner's Smallpox Vaccine," International Film Bureau.

Men of Medicine, Katherine B. Skipper, Viking Press, New York.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

for example, immunology and bacteriology.

See Strand I "Disease Prevention and Control" for Grades 4, 5, 6.

For Reference: *Natural History of Infectious Diseases* by F. Burnet MacFarlane.

Great Adventures in Medicine by Samuel Rapport and Helen Wright.

A major reason for the rapid decline in disease mortality rates has been the control of communicable diseases which were the major cause of death in 1900.

The prevalence of some communicable diseases, as well as mortality rates from these diseases, have decreased markedly since 1900.

The reduction in deaths due to childhood diseases has been significant in increasing life expectancy.

The development of wonder drugs and improved medical care are also important factors.

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II. Ecological Relationships	Ecology is the study of the interaction of organisms and their environment.	Study the prevalence of certain diseases in various social and physical set- tings, e.g., slum or ghetto areas.	There are d organisms (o of this gui the structur of the body many of the related to physical co overcrowdin considered measures.
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There are disease-producing organisms (See Section I - B of this guide) which affect the structure and function of the body. The spread of many of these diseases is related to the social and physical conditions, such as overcrowding, which must be considered in any prevention measures.

The extent and severity of a disease are dependent upon group and individual resistance to the disease, the virulence of the causative agent, and the environmental conditions present.

Irresponsible social behavior (for example, neglecting to observe precautions by quarantining infected individuals) can be related to the spread and prevalence of disease.

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2. Causation	Certain environmental factors are the causative agents of disease and disabilities.	<p>Have students make a list of the factors which may cause disease or which may contribute to causation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How may a person protect himself and others from disease? 2. What are the personal, social, and economic consequences of disease? 3. How is the "chain of infection" broken? Controlled? <p>Film: "Improving America's Health," Coronet Films.</p> <p>Filmstrip: "The International War Against Diphtheria."</p>	<p>Since 1900 methods of better treatment have substantially reduced the threat of</p> <p>Pamphlet: Statistics Department</p>
	Excessive exposure to the disease-producing factors in the environment should be avoided.	<p>Discuss the relationship of each of the following to the ecology of disease.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nutrition 2. Ghetto living 3. Pollution of air, water, and food 	Not all microorganisms cause disease. Many are beneficial to man (either directly or indirectly).
3. Controlling communicable diseases	The spread of a communicable disease can be modified by breaking the "chain of infection."	<p>Have students relate the discoveries mentioned earlier to the actual control and prevention of disease. For example, ask some of the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is the science of bacteriology, or 	See Strand information

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Pamphlet: "Basic Vital Statistics," New York State Department of Health.

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See Strand IV for additional information regarding the

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virology, used to limit specific diseases, such as V.D.?

2. In what ways has bacteriology changed in recent years in order to have greater applicability to the study of the epidemiology of disease?
3. What have the major contributions of immunology to the prevention of disease been in the past 50 years?

Invite a member of the Health Department, an epidemiologist, for instance, to discuss these questions.

B. Equilibrium between man and microorganisms

A disturbance in the equilibrium between man and specific microorganisms is directly related to the incidence of some diseases.

Have students name and describe the various methods by which disease can be prevented, controlled, and treated.

What are some examples of the effects of disease on the individual, family, communities, and nations?

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social and other environmental factors related to disease, and for the public health measures taken to prevent, control, and further the understanding of diseases.

Although bacteriology is concerned with the nature of all microorganisms, scientists have intensified research in areas directed at learning more about specific microorganisms and their control. Immunology is based upon the understanding of the nature of microorganisms. There is, and must be, a close relationship among all of the health sciences.

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It is important to understand that the communicable diseases are encountered mainly through social interactions.

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See Strand IV, "World Health."

C. Epidemiology

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1. Artificial immunity
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3. Discovery of bacteria--relation to disease
4. Development of certain chemicals related to disease treatment (Penicillin, for example)
5. The development of:
 - a. Epidemiology
 - b. Ecology
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1. Definition

Epidemiology is the science which deals with all factors related to disease and health. It may include such things as the

- (1) incidence, cause, and effect of disease
- (2) trends and behavior of disease
- (3) its prevention and control

If the class has had experience in small group discussions or group dynamics, each of the above topics may be used for this kind of learning experience.

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The teacher should have available a wide variety of reading materials so that pupils may do individualized research into the nature of epidemiology. Examples of classic studies should be included.

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2. Nature of epidemiology

There is a complex inter-relationship among micro-organisms, man's resistance to disease, social conditions, and the physical environment.

Have a group of students develop bar graphs that show the mortality rates from polio, measles, scarlet fever, and rheumatic fever over a period of several years. Have another group report on the dates that preventive measures were first made available for each of these diseases. Are these developments reflected in the graph?

What are examples of social conditions? Physical conditions?

Compare social and physical conditions throughout the world with relation to the incidence and kinds of disease in various countries.

Some resources are:

R.J. Dubos & others & the editors of *Life. Health and Disease.* New York. Time, Inc. 1965.

B. MacMahon & others. *Epidemiologic Methods.* Boston. Little, Brown. 1960.

F.B. Rogers. *Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Control.* New York. Grune & Stratton. 1963.

I. Taylor & J. Knowelden. *Principles of Epidemiology.* 2nd ed. Boston. Little, Brown. 1964.

Deaths from such diseases as typhoid fever, diphtheria, and scarlet fever have been decreased to nearly zero in the United States.

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III. Communicable Disease	Disease is any condition of the body which inter- feres with the proper functioning of the indi- vidual. It may be either of a communicable or non- communicable nature.	Film: "Microorganisms That Cause Disease."
A. Modes of transmission	Communicable diseases are transmitted by contact with infectious discharges from another person. External objects used by infected persons act only incidentally as bearers of pathogenic organisms, as when freshly contaminated with germ-laden excretions. Some diseases are spread through direct and indirect contact between a well person and an infected human or animal.	Have students make a list of ways disease germs may be transmitted. Film: "Trial of Infection," A-V Film Library, Department M-497, Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.
1. Direct contact	Food, water, and soil may serve as vehicles for disease transmission if they are contaminated through the excretion of human wastes. More disease-producing microorganisms enter and leave the body by way of the nose and throat than by any other channel.	See tion 5, &

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Most disease organisms are so
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Saliva and discharges from the
nose and throat can carry germs
that cause such diseases as
measles, mumps, polio, and
tuberculosis.

Many varieties of bacteria are
able to live and multiply in
milk and other foods. TB,
undulant fever, typhoid,
amebic dysentery and other
diseases may be spread via
contaminated foods.

See Strand I, "Disease Preven-
tion and Control" Grades 4,
5, & 6.

Contact diseases include the
venereal diseases, trachoma,
erysipelas, infectious mono-
nucleosis, and others.

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2. Indirect contact	The practice of desirable health behavior by the individual is vital to the prevention of communicable disease.	Have students present a report to the class on the housefly as a carrier of disease, identifying at least three diseases it can carry.	Malaria is female Anopheles mosquito. Yellow fever is spread by the Aedes mosquito. The sickness is spread by the flies.
			The insects harmed by the flies carry, despite the fact that in many insects the organisms may go through a complicated part of the development of their in
3. Congenital infections	Congenital infections are transmitted from the mother to the baby before birth, so that the baby is born with the disease.	Have class discuss the ways congenital diseases can be prevented.	Congenital inherited condition is transmitted child by germs. Syphilis is an infection which spreads from mother through milk and infects
B. Body defenses	Our bodies have "lines of defense" which help protect us against disease.	Film: "Infectious Diseases and Natural Body Defenses," Coronet Films.	Body opening is a special mucous secretion and other factors that may en

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Malaria is carried only by the
female Anopheles mosquito.
Yellow fever is transmitted by
the Aedes mosquito. Sleeping
sickness is spread by tsetse
flies.

The insects are not usually
harmful to the germs they
carry, despite the fact that
in many instances these
organisms multiply and under-
go complicated changes as
part of their life cycle of
development within the bodies
of their insect hosts.

Congenital infections are not
inherited. An inherited
condition is one that is
transmitted from parent to
child by genetic material.
Syphilis is a congenital
infection when the organism
spreads from an infected
mother through the placenta,
and infects the unborn child.

Body openings are lined with
a special membrane whose
mucous secretion traps organisms
and other foreign particles
that may enter the opening.

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1. Skin	<p>Our first line of defense against disease germs consists of the skin and mucous membranes.</p> <p>The outer skin is a tough layer which, if not broken, forms an effective defense against disease germs.</p>	<p>Pamphlet: "Control of Communicable Diseases In Man," American Public Health Association.</p>	<p>The mucous membranes lining the nasal passages and trachea are covered with cilia which trap foreign particles and sweep them toward the throat. These particles irritate the membranes and cause coughing; thus the particles are expelled from the body.</p> <p>The resistance of the skin and the mucous membranes is successful only so long as they keep infectious agents outside of the body tissue. They are important defenses, and resistance to infectious disease in general is increased by cleanliness and good nutrition, which help keep these body surfaces in the best state of health.</p>
2. Blood cells	<p>A second line of defense is provided by the leukocytes, or white blood cells.</p>	<p>Describe a typical infection reaction, from its cause, the action of the leukocytes, pus formation (and its purpose), to tissue regeneration.</p>	<p>Secretions such as perspiration, tears, nasal secretions, saliva, and gastric juices are slightly antiseptic.</p> <p>White blood cells have the power of independent motion, and are able to pass out of the capillaries to a point in the tissues where they are attracted by such foreign material as a group of microbes.</p>

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The presence of micro-organisms in the body stimulates the production of white blood cells which engulf and destroy the microorganisms.

Unlike red blood cells which must remain within a closed circulatory system, the white cells are able to pass through the capillary walls and move about through the tissues.

Disease symptoms develop only when there are too many organisms for the body to destroy quickly; when the organisms are so vigorous that they overcome the body's usual defenses; or when these defenses become weakened.

3. Formation of antibodies or antitoxins

As a third line of defense, the body manufactures specific antibodies or antitoxins for different diseases.

4. Factors in- fluencing resistance to disease

Resistance to diseases in general is influenced by physiological well-being, inherited factors, and emotional states.

Once in contact with the leukocyte, they are taken into the cell just as an amoeba engulfs food. The leukocyte may be destroyed or carried away from the cell.

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Once in contact with the germs, the leukocytes take many of them into their own substance, just as an amoeba surrounds and engulfs a particle of food. The engulfed bacteria may be destroyed within the leukocyte or they may be carried away in the destruction of the cell itself.

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1. Definition	Immunity is the ability of an individual to resist a specific disease. Immunization prevents and controls some diseases.	What is the antigen-antibody reaction as it relates to immunity?	against the specific term me has a resistance particu
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Absolute immunity is unknown against any infection to which the species is naturally susceptible. Immunity as we use the term means that an individual has a relatively increased resistance toward some particular pathogenic organism.

Natural immunity depends to some extent on factors that are inborn and related to one's racial and ethnic heritage.

Acquired immunity is that which results from having had a disease or from the body developing its own antibodies after taking preventive measures.

Immunity that is acquired naturally generally provides longer-lasting protection than does passive immunity that results from the injection of antibodies from the blood of other people or animals.

Infants receive from their mothers a passive (temporary) immunity against some common infectious diseases their mothers have had.

It is possible for one to become immune to a disease after having had a subclinical case (mild, without noticeable symptoms) of the specific disease.

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Resurgence of Venereal Diseases	<p>Medical science is capable of treating and eradicating venereal diseases, yet these diseases now represent the most serious of the communicable disease problems in the United States.</p> <p>One of the most serious factors relating to the resurgence of venereal diseases is ignorance.</p>	<p>What should you do if you suspect you have a venereal disease? What resources are available in your school and in the community?</p> <p>How would your decision affect you? Others in the community?</p> <p>Show and discuss the film: "Quarter Million Teenagers."</p> <p>Teacher Reference: "Resurgence of Venereal Disease." Report by the Committee on Public Health, The New York Academy of Medicine, March 2, 1964.</p> <p>Pamphlet: "Venereal Disease Is Still a World Problem." AMA, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.</p> <p>Pamphlets: New York State Health Department. "Strictly for Teenagers--Some Facts About Venereal Disease." "What You Should Know About Syphilis." "What You Should Know About Gonorrhea."</p> <p>Reference: <i>Teacher's Handbook of Venereal Disease Education</i>, (\$2.00) and</p>	<p>There has been a rise in recent years in venereal diseases. The year has seen an increase in the prevalence of these diseases between 1950 and 1960. The rise in incidence among teenagers is more than 130%.</p> <p>The World Health Organization estimates that there are 10 million cases of venereal diseases a year around the world.</p> <p>Salacious movies encourage a permissive attitude toward venereal diseases.</p>

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Salacious literature, ads, and
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V. Degenerative Disease Some diseases are the result of body dysfunction.

See Strand IV, World Health

A. General nature

These diseases cannot be transmitted to others, are called degenerative or constitutional, and are becoming our most serious health problem.

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B. Control

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The degenerative disease processes may be due to hereditary factors, nutritional factors, the aging process, and injury, all of which can contribute to the dysfunctioning of an organ or system.

The physical effects of these diseases on an individual may or may not be progressive. Such diseases are sometimes called chronic and may have slight to disabling effects.

The major degenerative diseases would include heart and circulatory diseases, cancer (of all kinds), diabetes, rheumatic heart disease, and arthritis.

Many agencies have been established to do research into the nature of these diseases.

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